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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re of Applicant )  
Tadahiro OHMI et al. ) Art Group: 1725  
Serial No.: 09/748,883 )  
Filing Date: December 27, 2000 )  
Title: WELDING METHOD FOR ) Examiner: COLLEEN P COOKE  
FLUORINE-PASSIVATED )  
MEMBER FOR WELDING, )  
FLUORINE-PASSIVATED )  
METHOD AFTER BEING WELD )  
AND WELDED PARTS )

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RESPONSE

Hon. Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Responsive to the Office Action dated September 30, 2002, having a due date of October 30, 2002, having been extended by one month with the contemporaneously filed Petition for Extension of Time, now having a due date of November 30, 2002, Applicant hereby submits the following Amendment.

REMARKS

Currently, Claims 1-26 stand pending.

At this time, Applicant elects Group I, species 1B reading on Claims 9-14, 16, and 21-23 without traverse.

Additionally, Applicant petitions the Commissioner of

5 Patents and Trademarks to extend the time for filing of this